

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

RELEASE AS SANITIZED

2003

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 11 APRIL 54

SECRET	
NO FORN DISSEM	

ROUTING			
1		4	
2		5	
3		6	

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : LINCOLN

ACTION: WH (1-3)

INFO : DGI (4), D/DGI (5), DD/P (L)(6)

[] 1776 (IN 36234) 0935Z 11 APR 54 OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE
 TO: (OPIM) DIR CITE: SLINC
 RYBAT PBSUCCESS

REF: A. DIR 44842 (OUT 82950)

B. LINC 1777 (IN 36237)

C. [] 126 (IN 36225), PARA 4

D. LINC 1778 (IN 36238)

1. FOLLOWING SUMMATION SITUATION REPRESENTS LINC'S VIEWS
 BASED UPON DEBRIEFING ONTRICH WHO ARRIVED 0000 APRIL 11:

A. GALVEZ WEAKENED AND EQUIVOCATED []

[] TO DEGREE THAT REQUIRED FIRM ACTION TO ESTABLISH DEFINITE
 COOPERATION. LATTER ACTION TAKEN BY SKILLET WHO, WHILE KEEPING
 SKIMMER VERSION AND STRESSING ODYOKE NON-INTERVENTION, KEPT GALVEZ
 IN LINE WHILE USING IDEN A AND ONTRICH TO PRESS FOR FIRM OPERATIONAL
 DETAILS.

B. SKILLET DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL POLITICAL SKILL IN
 KEEPING VICE PRES FROM RESIGNING THUS HOLDING GOVT TOGETHER FOR
 PBSUCCESS. THIS ACTION ENDEARED SKILLET TO GALVEZ. LATTER
 APPARENTLY NOW LEANING ON SKILLET AS SOURCE OF STRENGTH DURING
 CURRENT POLITICALLY UNSTABLE PERIOD PRECEDING ELECTIONS.

SECRET
NO FORN DISSEM

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO MAKE A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE

Copy No.

13 APRIL 54

~~SECRET~~

[1776 (IN 36234)

PAGE -2-

C. EXCELLENT SECURITY APPEARS PRESENT DESPITE ABOVE MAN-EUVERING. ONLY GALVEZ, VICE PRES, FORMIN AND CHIEF AIR FORCE CUT IN WITHIN WSHOOF'S. NO DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE NOR WITNESSES TO SKILLET TALKS. PLAUSIBLE DENIAL REMAINS INTACT.

D. GALVEZ HAS GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WITH OSORIO TO ACT AGAINST WSBURNT TOGETHER. SAFFRON-1, FIRM CALLIGERIS SUPPORTER, DUE SEE OSORIO RPT OSORIO NEXT FEW DAYS. MORE GALVEZ BECOMES COMMITTED IN INTERIM, STRONGER WILL SAFFRON-1'S PRESSURE ON OSORIO BE. OSORIO'S SUPPORT ALSO REQUIRES ODACID APPROACH IN MANNER BELIEVED IN PROGRESS AT HQS LEVEL.

E. REMOVAL MINDEFENSE IS ESSENTIAL EARLIEST BUT IS NOT A PREREQUISITE FOR RUNNING INITIAL FLIGHTS. TIME FACTOR IMPORTANT AS SECURITY WEAKENS WITH EVERY DAY'S DELAY ONCE FLIGHTS INITIATED. NEED HQS ACTION.

F. LINC WITHDRAWS OBJECTIONS TO INTERMEDIATE STORAGE AT [JAS RECENT REPORTS INDICATE INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY BOTH SIDES OF BORDER. THUS GEAR WOULD BE MOVED FROM [DIRECT WITH MINIMUM DELAY INTO TARGET AREAS.

G. OBJECTIONS RE EVIDENCE OF ODYOKE PARTICIPATION WITHDRAWN VIEW ABOVE CLARIFICATION AS NOW EVIDENT WSHOOF'S WOULD BE THOROUGHLY IMPLICATED ONCE PERMITTING ARMS ENTER COUNTRY. RE-AFFIRMATION SKILLET'S ROLE WOULD PROVE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO SUSTAIN GALVEZ'S COURAGE FOLLOW THROUGH. BELIEVE GALVEZ'S POSITION TOO UNSTABLE VIS-A-VIS CARIAS TO DOUBLE-CROSS CALLIGERIS. THUS CONCLUSION IS THAT GALVEZ WILL BE MOST ANXIOUS MOVE GEAR INTO TARGET COUNTRY

~~SECRET~~

17 APRIL 54

~~SECRET~~

C 1776 (IN 36234)

PAGE -3-

RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

H. TEST FLIGHT ALREADY LAID ON FOR 1730 APRIL 11, PER REF
C. LINC STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT GALVEZ MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FALTER
NOW THAT HE HAS AUTHORIZED FLIGHTS AND ONCE GEAR ARRIVES HE HAS
LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW THROUGH. HE VERY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND
DESIRES ELIMINATION WSBURNT BUT RECOGNIZES HIS OWN WEAKNESS TO ACT.
PBSUCCESS PROVIDES HIS ANSWER.

2. CERTAIN ESSENTIAL FACTORS APPEAR MORE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED
THAN EVER, NAMELY:

A. SITUATION DEVELOPING RAPIDLY AND FAVORABLY IN WSBURNT.
ARCHBISHOP'S CALL FOR NATIONAL CRUSADE AGAINST COMMUNISM. FRICTION,
DISTRUST AND UNEASINESS APPARENT IN GOVT. PEOPLE FULLY EXPECTING
CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT. THUS GREATEST TIME PROBLEM IS TO HOLD OFF
ABORTIVE ACTION AND REAL ACTION MUST NOT BE DELAYED BEYOND PRESENT
SCHEDULE.

B. POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN WSHOOF'S DICTATES ADHERANCE TO
SCHEDULE AS ANY DELAY WILL ONLY JEOPARDIZE THIS ALLY. LOSS OF
WSHOOF'S COULD MEAN LOSS OF DTFROGS AS ABOVE.

C. FAILURE CONTINUE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO MEET PRESENT OPS PLANS
WHICH STILL INTACT AND CAPABLE FULFILLMENT UNQUESTIONABLY MEANS LOSS
OF CURRENT YEAR AND POSSIBLY LAST CHANCE OVERTHROW COMMUNISTS SHORT
DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION.

~~SECRET~~

11 APRIL 54

~~SECRET~~

[] 1776 (IN 36234)

PAGE -4-

3. VIEW ABOVE FACTORS AND REF C LINC ACTING WITHIN AUTHORITY
REF A HAS DETERMINED TO RUN A TEST BLACK FLIGHT ON SCHEDULE 11 APRIL
PER REF D.

4. IF HQS DESIRES FURTHER EXPLANATION OF FOREGOING, IT IS
REQUESTED DUNBAR BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE SOONEST.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

[]

JWHD, NOTIFIED OF
RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE CABLE AT
0500 11 APRIL 54.

~~SECRET~~